GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ACQUISITION OF LAND
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the companies under the Coal India Limited(CIL) which have acquired agricultural and forest land for coal production during the last three years, and the current year, alongwith the area of land acquired by each of them;

(b) the area of land lying unutilized out of the acquired land at present, company-wise;

(c) the reasons for not utilizing the land and the officers found responsible for the unnecessary acquisition of land; and

(d) the company-wise area of the collieries fully exploited and that of the adjacent land and the details of their use?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a): The details of tenancy land(including agricultural land) and forest land acquired by the companies under the Coal India Limited (CIL) for coal production during the last three years, and the current year as follows:

(In hectares)

Company	Land acquired during last three years and current year till September, 2011	
	Forest land	Tenancy land
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(ECL)	32.00	1915.21
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.(BCCL)	0.00	10.78
Central Coalfields Ltd.(CCL)	3483.39	280.28
Northern Coalfields Ltd.(NCL)	0.00	669.00
Western Coalfields Ltd(WCL)	141.98	2176.11
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(SECL)	1849.62	7040.76
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.(MCL)	1034.80	1028.84
Total	6541.79	13120.98

(b) and (c): Land is acquired for coal projects as per the project requirements and is being utilized in accordance with the mining plan in phases. The actual physical possession of the land acquired through notification, sometimes requires considerable time and persuasion of the land losers. Besides, statutory clearances such as environment and forest clearance in respect of forest land etc. are to be obtained before actual utilization of the land. As such, the acquired land that remains unutilized for a period of time cannot be treated as unnecessary acquisition of land, and thus the question of fixing responsibility does not arise.

(d): The land acquired during the last three years as mentioned in reply to (a) above is yet to be exploited completely. The exploitation will be as per progress of the project as well as planned projectization of the coal seams present in the locality. No adjacent land Is

utilized which does not belong to coal companies.